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SUBJECT: CODEL - PRC

REF: A) HONG KONG 13225; B) HONG KONG 13279;

C) HONG KONG 13363

1. MANSFIELD PARTY HAS INFORMED US THAT THE SENATOR DOES NOT WISH TO ACCEPT AMCHAM OR OTHER INVITATIONS IN HONG KONG WITH EXCEPTION OF THAT EXTENDED BY GOVERNOR MACLEHOSE WHICH THE SENATOR MAY ACCEPT. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE GOVERNOR'S INVITATION SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED NOW, BUT "IF SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT AFTER THE PARTY ARRIVES IN HONG KONG" THE SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE GOVERNOR ON JANUARY 4. ONE PROBLEM WITH A POSSIBLE JANUARY 4 MEETING IS THAT CODEL DOES NOT YET KNOW TIMING OF ITS DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG THAT DAY.

2. CONCERNING PRESS INQUIRIES (REF B), THE SENATOR'S PARTY HAS ASKED USLO NOT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE LOCAL PRESS ON THE SENATOR'S PEKING ACTIVITIES OR HIS SCHEDULED TRAVEL AFTER LEAVING PEKING. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED NOT TO INFORM THE PRESS THAT HE WILL EXIT THE PRC VIA HONG KONG. IN DEALING WITH THE RESIDENT PRESS CORPS OUR INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO REFRAIN FROM ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND TO REFER REPORTERS TO THE CHINA PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (CPIFA), WHICH IS SENATOR MANSFIELD'S HOST ORGANIZATION.

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3. IN RESPONDING TO CBS REQUEST (REF C), CONGEN SHOULD USE ITS OWN JUDGEMENT, BUT OUR INCLINATION WOULD BE TO HOLD BACK, PERHAPS INDICATING THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM USLO. IF FROMSON IS ADAMANT IN HIS DESIRE TO SPEAK WITH SENATOR MANSFIELD BY THE PHONE, HE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO CPIFA.

4. SENATOR MANSFIELD HAS ALSO RECEIVED A COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM ALBERT KAFF, PRESIDENT OF HONG KONG FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB INVITING SENATOR TO SPEAK AT HKFCC LUNCHEON ON RETURN FROM CHINA AND INDICATING THAT REPLY CAN BE PASSED VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS THROUGH CONGEN. REQUEST CONGEN CONTACT KAFF AND DECLINE THE INVITATION ON SENATOR MANSFIELD'S BEHALF.

5. FYI: THE SENATOR'S PARTY WILL PROBABLY REQUEST A BRIEFING AT THE CONGEN WHILE IN HONG KONG.
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